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| <b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES<br/>DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)<br/>CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>   |  | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER<br><b>SWH-11988US</b>                         |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br><b>PCT/CA2004/000990</b>   |  | U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5)<br><b>NA 10/563582</b> |
| INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE<br><b>July 7, 2004</b>  |  | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED<br><b>July 7, 2003</b>                           |
| TITLE OF INVENTION<br><b>Furniture System Composed of Panel-Shaped Elements, Panel Shaped...</b>  |  |  |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US<br><b>Alphons Van Rheden</b>  |  |  |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:   |  |  |
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| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.   |  |  |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. |  |  |
| 4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).  |  |  |
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| 6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).  |  |  |
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| d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.  |  |  |
| 8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).   |  |  |
| 9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).  |  |  |
| 10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).                   |  |  |
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| 13. <input type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.   |  |  |
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| 20. Other items or information:   |   |   |                     |
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| CLAIMS  | NUMBER FILED  | NUMBER EXTRA  | RATE                |
| Total claims  | 4 - 20 =  |   | x \$ 50             |
| Independent claims  | 1 - 3 =   |   | x \$200             |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by 1/2.  |   |   |                     |
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| <b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>   |   | \$  |                     |
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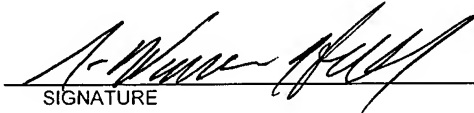
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UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE  
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Dear Sir:

Re: PCT Application No. PCT/CA2004/000990  
For Entry Into The National Phase In The U.S.  
Title: FURNITURE SYSTEM COMPOSED OF PANEL-SHAPED  
ELEMENTS, PANEL-SHAPED ELEMENT FOR USE IN  
THIS SYSTEM AND SECURING SLEEVE FOR USE  
TOGETHER WITH A PANEL-SHAPED ELEMENT OF  
THIS TYPE

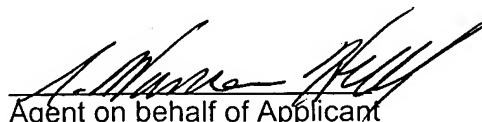
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It is requested that International Patent Application PCT/CA2004/000990 be entered into the National Phase in the United States.

Enclosed please find the documents required for the above filing.

We look forward to receiving the filing data accorded this application in due course.

Respectfully submitted,



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